

SENATE BILL 1337
By Wilder

AN ACT to name the State Highway 100 Bypass in Chester County
in honor of the late Noah F. Weaver.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways in honor of those exemplary public servants who during their lifetimes contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Noah F. Weaver of Chester County, who passed away on October 17, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Weaver was an exemplary public servant, devoted husband and father, and peerless community and church leader; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Weaver was elected by the good people of Chester County as their Supervisor of Highways in 1978; he served the county and his fellow citizens faithfully and energetically in that important position for twenty years, before taking a much deserved retirement in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Weaver was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, who worked assiduously to establish a brighter future for his community; he also played an instrumental role in numerous public service endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated family man, Mr. Weaver was married to his beloved wife, Bobbie Smith Weaver, for over 47 years, and he demonstrated great love for and pride in his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Weaver's children, Elaine Weaver Parker, (deceased January 1989), Cyndi Weaver Weeks and Noah Blair Weaver, regarded him as their hero, their friend, and the best father anyone could have; and

WHEREAS, a man of great faith, Mr. Weaver was a devoted leader and faithful member of Estes Church of Christ near Henderson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Weaver was a generous man who loved to share the bounty of his blessings with his friends, relatives and neighbors; he was also an avid gardener and fisherman, spending many joyful hours at his farm pond fishing with his family; and

WHEREAS, in appreciation of his singular legacy of public service, the Chester County Commission has memorialized this body to name the State Highway 100 Bypass to permanently commemorate Noah F. Weaver's bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the greater good; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the State Highway 100 Bypass in Chester County is hereby designated as the "Noah F. Weaver Memorial Highway".

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the State Highway 100 Bypass in Chester County as the "Noah F. Weaver Memorial Highway".

SECTION 3. The erection of such directional signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.